

Will you make any “new year’s resolutions” the last week of December? Unfortunately, most resolutions won’t survive the dawn of January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Knowing from experience that this true, why don’t you start now developing a determination that truly matters? Why not resolve to become obey the gospel of Jesus Christ and be a faithful Christian?

The only thing certain about your life is that it will end someday. Paul said: “...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,” (Hebrews 9:27). This is the only resolution that will survive beyond your life. If you earn a million dollars in 2021, the money will stay behind when you die. If you earn a college degree, no one may remember it after your funeral. But, if you spend the rest of your life serving God, you can go to heaven when you die. The life of a devoted Christian is the only life with eternal consequence. When you breathe your last breath, you will have only one more important appointment to keep – the judgment day. When that day arrives, you want to hear the Lord say: “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter in to the joy of your Lord” (Matthew 25:21, 23).

**Here is how you become a Christian:** Hear the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 10:17), Believe the gospel (John 8:24; Mark 16:16), Repent of your sins (Acts 2:38; 17:30), Confess your faith (Romans 10:10), and be Baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21). Jesus paid the price for your sins with His death on the cross (John 3:16; Acts 20:28). Won’t you respond to Him by accepting His invitation to receive His gift of salvation by obeying the gospel (Matthew 11:28-30; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 5:8-9)?

What will you accomplish in 2021? Maybe you will do great things, but if you don’t become a Christian, then all that you accomplish will be for nothing.

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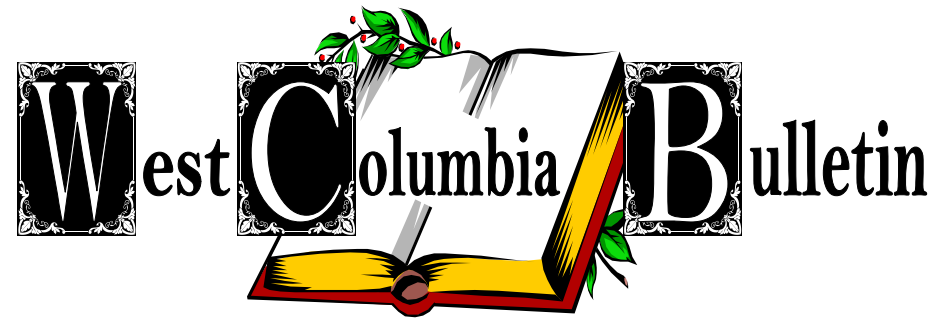
## Schedule Of Services...

### Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 9:50 a.m.  
Worship 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.



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# TIME MARCHES ON

David Weaks

*“The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.” (Psalms 90:10)*

2020 is nearly over, folks. Let that sink in. What seems like two days’ passage of time has been nearly twelve months. And what a year it has been, with the pandemic, riots, storms, etc. Most of us will be glad to see this year in our rearview mirrors. Good riddance, and we all hope the new year will be a better one.

In spite of this year’s turmoil, ask yourself what you actually accomplished. Did you let yourself sink into depression, or have you kept

busy working for the Lord?

James said that our lives are nothing more than vapor, “that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). His point, in the text, is that we should not worry overmuch about what is going to happen in the future, or to make plans for a time yet to come, but we ought to be more concerned about what God wants: “Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that’” (vs. 15).

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# What If Moses Had Been An Ugly Child?

David Weaks

The Bible tells us that Moses' mother believed him a beautiful child and determined to hide Moses from Pharaoh since Pharaoh had ordered the death of every newborn male Hebrew (Exodus 2:2). When she could no longer hide him, Moses' mother built a small ark of reeds and sent her son floating down the river in hopes he would be found by someone who would raise him as her own (vs. 3). Of course, you know the rest of the story - Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter who took Moses to be her own son (vs. 5-6).

Is all of this an irony? Was it luck? No, it was God's providence.

However, since people are prone to speculate about Bible things, let us presuppose their natural question: *What if Moses had been an ugly child?* Yes, people's minds work this way. Some might wonder: "If Moses had been homely, would his mother have handed him over to the Egyptian authorities, explaining to her husband -

'Well, what are you going to do? We tried, but the kid was just too ugly.'"

The answer to this speculative nonsense is that nothing would have changed, and the plan of God would have continued unabated. It wasn't that Moses was physically beautiful that saved his life, it was that his mother loved him, just like any mother would.

There is a lesson here for us, however. What Moses' mother had was something the Bible calls "*natural affection*" (Romans 1:31). There is a kind of love that seems built into the DNA of mothers that overrides any other consideration. Every mother believes her child is beautiful. In fact, most believe their child is the personification of beauty to which all other children must be compared...even ugly babies' mothers feel this way. You might cringe at the sight of a baby on mom's phone, while mom forces you to look at all sixty pictures of the tyke, but the mother will never see anything but absolute beauty in

her offspring. This is natural affection.

Now, what did Moses' mother's natural affection accomplish? It changed the course of human history is what it did! Moses' mother defied a king to save him. Pharaoh was a living god to the Egyptians, and they would have killed Moses without mercy for Pharaoh. Yet, this woman was willing to defy this phony god at the risk of her own life should she be found out. No penalty would have stopped this woman from rescuing her child.

***To the point, now.*** In America and in the world, there are millions of women who do not possess the natural affection that Moses' mother had. According to statistics there were 42.3 million abortions in 2019 worldwide. Let that number sink in. Worldwide, only a little over a million people have died from Covid-19, and the world has been in panic mode for six months. Yet, mass genocide has occurred right under our noses, and hardly anybody noticed.

Let us do a little ciphering (as Jethro Bodine might). If the average number of abortions worldwide is roughly 40 million per year, then in just 25 years, over 1 billion human beings have been obliterated from the world.

That also means that in 244 years (the time the US has been a nation), more than the **7 billion** person current population of earth will be aborted (9.8 billion murdered babies to be exact).

Why are all of these babies killed? Are they evil? No, babies are not evil at birth like the Calvinists say. Jesus said everyone should become as little children (Matthew 18:3). Are they diseased and a threat to mankind's health? No. Then what is the problem that demands genocide? The answer is simple: women who abort their babies lack the natural affection Moses' mother had. Today's women think their babies are an inconvenience, or they fear their birth defects, or believe that they are just too young to be mothers, or can't stand how the babies were conceived (rape, etc). In any case, a mother like Moses had would fight for her child whether it was ugly or beautiful, malformed, asthmatic, deaf, prone to disease, or whether it was conceived in the backseat of a car or by rape. A mother like Moses had would realize the baby is innocent and needs a loving mother's protection.

God, please give us more mothers who see their babies as beautiful. Give us mothers with natural affection.